

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

The disclosure has been objected to as containing informalities; Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Morii et al. in view of Ampferer and Claims 2-4 and 6-12 have been objected to as being dependent a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Considering first then the Examiner's objection to the specification, it is to be noted that appropriate amendments have now been made to the specification for compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure.

Considering next then the rejection of Claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Morii et al. in view of Ampferer, it is to be noted, that in view of the fact that Claims 2-4 and 6-12 have been objected to but have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, Claim 1 has now been amended so as to include the limitations of Claim 2. It is therefore submitted that the claims as now amended patentably define over the prior art as recognized by the Examiner. Accordingly, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants note that new Claim 13 has been introduced so as to claim an engine structure of a snowmobile in which an upper front half of a vehicle body of the snowmobile is covered by an engine hood in a manner to be opened so as to form an engine room in which an engine is disposed and has a turbo-charger mounted thereon, wherein the engine is arranged so as to be offset in one direction in a plan view and an inter-cooler is disposed on a side opposite to the side on which the engine is offset. Insofar as the language of Claim 13 is

similar in nature to Claim 1 but contains a different preamble, it is submitted that Claim 13 also merits indication of allowability.

In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.


Respectfully submitted,

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